

Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance
The Chair

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Subject: *Invitation to a public hearing organised by the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on “The fight against harmful tax practices within the European Union and abroad”, Tuesday 15 May 2018, 14.30- 18.00, Brussels, room PHS 1A002*

Dear Mr Langerock,

I am pleased to hear that you have accepted our invitation to participate at a hearing organised by the Special Committee on Financial Crimes, Tax Evasion and Tax Avoidance (TAX3) on “The fight against harmful tax practices within the European Union and abroad”, scheduled for Tuesday 15 May 2018, 14.30- 18.00, in Brussels, room PHS 1A002. Please find the programme attached herewith.

Your participation will take place within the framework of a panel on the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes. The Members would be interested in your insight on the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions and on how it could be improved in your opinion to better combat harmful tax practices.

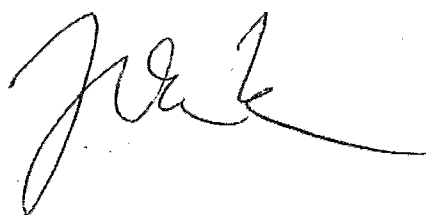
I would suggest that your initial statement does not exceed 5 minutes. It would be appreciated if you could transmit the committee an electronic copy of your statement in advance. Without objection on your part, your statement will be published on the committee's internet site after the hearing has taken place.

After the opening statements by the panellists, there will be a session of questions and answers with Members. Questions will be asked in slots of five minutes: each question will be put within one minute at maximum, with the remaining time devoted to the answer. If time allows, the Member will have the possibility to ask a follow-up question, without extending the overall five-minute slot.

Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Francisco Ruiz-Risueño (tel.: +32 2 284 05 61, francisco.ruizrisueno@europarl.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the TAX3 Committee (tax3-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) for logistic questions.

I remain at your disposal for further discussions on this matter. I thank you in advance for your availability and look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Ježek', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Petr JEŽEK

Encl.: Programme of the hearing of 15 May 2018

ANNEX

Questionnaire

- What is your assessment of the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes regarding the process and the results? Do you find the outcome credible? What would be your suggestions for improvement?
- Do you think the EU list should also include Member States proposing aggressive tax planning opportunities, as mentioned in the study commissioned by DG TAXUD: "Aggressive tax planning indicators. Final Report." Working Paper No 71, 2017 (ISSN 1725-7565 (PDF) ISSN 1725-7557 (Printed)) (https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/sites/taxation/files/taxation_papers_71_atp.pdf) ?



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PUBLIC HEARING

"THE FIGHT AGAINST HARMFUL TAX PRACTICES WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ABROAD"

TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2018

14.30 - 18.00

Room: Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) 1A002

DRAFT PROGRAMME

14.30 - 14.35 Welcome by the TAX3 Chair

14.35 - 16.00 Exchange of views

- Ms **Emily O'Reilly**, *European Ombudsman* - Transparency of the Council's work in the tax area

Discussion with TAX3 Members

16.00- 18.00 Panel: EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions: room for improvement?

- Mr **Valère Moutarlier**, Director, Dir D — Direct Taxation, Tax coordination, Economic Analysis and Evaluation, Directorate General of Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission
- Ms **Elly Van de Velde**, Professor of Tax Law, Hasselt University
- Mr **Alex Cobham**, Chief Executive, Tax Justice Network
- Mr **Johan Langerock**, EU Policy Advisor for Tax and Inequality, Oxfam

Discussion with TAX3 Members



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17.55- 18.00 Conclusions by the TAX3 Chair